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The following are my preliminary comments on Yucca Mountain:

1) I just received the Prel. Site Suitability Evaluation Report on August 29. I previously request to be added to the mailing list but had to request a copy of this critical report. One week to review this report with all its cross referencing is not adequate for the public review process; therefore, I request that the comment period be extended another 90 day for my detail review.

2) There should be final set of Public Hearings after the Final Environmental and other critical reports are issued. There are many unanswered comments and questions to date and the Public should have an opportunity to comment after DOE further defines this project.

3) The hearings on 9/12 and 9/13 should also be broadcast live via the Internet as is planned for the 9/5 hearings. We hear in the Las Vegas Valley should be given an easy way of learning about these communities concerns without driving to the hearing.

4) The Public involvement in the Yucca Mountain Suitability Evaluation should not be prematurely cut stop for the convince of an artificial schedule constraint. Full and meaningful public involvement in the suitability process is needed to correctly solve this nations High Level Nuclear Waste Problem.

5) Because of the multiple daily shipments of Nuclear Spent Fuel to the proposed repository, the TRANSPORTATION Methodology and Program for the 30 years of ships need to be addressed. The transportation routes, methods, frequencies and other critical issues must be designed now and their environment impact must be addressed for the primary and alternatives routes. The issues of security, terrorism, accidents and other critical issues need to be addressed now!

The major Environment impacts on the American Public will be the Transportation of the Nuclear waste across the United States.

The DOE needs to immediately work with the other Government agencies involved with the Transportation. Who is the Lead Governmental Agency for the Transportation? The DOE is being deficient in its duty not comprehensively addressing the Transportation.

Yucca Mountain as a Nuclear Waste Storage Facility will not be Suitable, if the Nuclear Waste cannot to safely ship into and through Nevada. The complete process is flawed by not addressing the major Environment Impact!

6) Yucca Mountain is turning into an Engineer Storage Concept Vs the Geologic Storage Concept envisioned the initiating ACT. Justification for the change in Concepts need to be address. How does the current design satisfy the intent of the Congressional directive.

7) Considering that the proposed Energy Policy calls for additional use of Nuclear Power, a projection of the additional nuclear waste needs to be developed and alternative of how to handle these wastes be proposed. What is the Design Maximum Storage of Nuclear Waste for Yucca Mountain?

Please address the above comment and extend the comment period by another 90 days after all Final Reports are issued and the Thirty-Year Transportation Program is adequately covered. Henry Dziegiel

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The following is from the latest Hearing Notice:

The public hearing in Las Vegas, scheduled from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., also will be broadcast live via the Internet beginning at 6 p.m. at the following website address: "www.ymmp.gov." The hearings scheduled for Sept. 12 in Amargosa Valley and Sept. 13 in Pahrump remain unchanged.

The hearings are being held to receive comments on whether or not the Secretary of Energy should recommend Yucca Mountain, Nevada, as a potential site for a geologic repository for nuclear waste. The public comment period on a potential site recommendation by the Secretary began May 4, 2001, and will end Sept. 20, 2001. Information on the scheduled public hearings follows:

September 5, 2001:

North Las Vegas: DOE's Nevada Operations Office, Great Basin Room
232 Energy Way, North Las Vegas, Nevada (On the west side of Loebe Road between Cheyenne and Lake Mead)
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Poster Session; 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Hearing.

Remote Video Teleconference Sites:

Reno: Desert Research Institute, Conference Rooms A/B
Carson City: Nevada State Legislative Building, Rm. 1214
Elko: Elko Convention and Visitors Authority

September 12, 2001:

Longstreet Inn and Casino, Highway 373, Amargosa Valley, Nevada 89020; 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Poster Session; 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Hearing.

September 13, 2001:

Bob Ruud Community Center, 150 Highway North #180, Pahrump, Nevada 89048, 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Poster Session; 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Hearing.

As required by the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, as amended, the DOE is holding **these hearings in Nevada to receive comments on whether or not the Secretary of Energy should recommend Yucca Mountain, Nevada, to the President** as a site for a potential geologic repository for nuclear waste. Comments received during the comment period will be considered by the Secretary before a decision is made whether to recommend the Yucca Mountain site to the President.

In addition to submitting comments at the hearings, the DOE is also accepting comments via electronic mail (YMP_SR@ymmp.gov), facsimile (1-800-967-0739), and mail submitted to: Carol Hanlon, U.S. Department of Energy, Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Office (M/S#25), P.O. Box 30307, North Las Vegas, NV 89038-0307. Letters should be marked with "Possible Site Recommendation for Yucca Mountain."-DOE-